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President's Message

Happy autumn to all! I hope that you enjoyed the long, hot summer, that you had a relaxing, or exciting, vacation, and that you are all ready to get back into the swing of things. It is membership renewal time and we urge all to renew their memberships and encourage their colleagues to join OALT/ABO as well.

The OALT/ABO Board and Executive have had our first meeting and we have a lot of work mapped out for us this year. A committee is looking at making changes to our constitution. We want to be a relevant, thriving organization moving into the 21st Century. There will be more information on this throughout the year and special workshops to detail the changes, will be held at the annual conference.

Changes have been made to our website and discussion list. If you haven't looked at our website recently, you should. With the change to our discussion list, approximately three quarters of the subscribers have not resubscribed. If you haven't done so, you are missing out; please take the time to subscribe and stay informed.

There are two regions that, sadly, have ceased to exist, and another that is teetering on the brink. The newly proposed Quinte-Frontenac region will not start up. We have invited all the members involved to renew their memberships either by joining another region or becoming provincial members.

Plans are underway for the 30th Annual Conference, which is being held in Toronto from May 21-25, 2003. It looks like it will be a fun, informative and exciting conference; please keep those dates open.

Lastly, there are three volunteer positions available: Archivist, Newsletter Editor and Internal Communications Coordinator. I hope that you will look at these opportunities and take the time to think seriously about your role within OALT/ABO. Continued on page 2...

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Happiness includes chiefly the idea of satisfaction after full honest effort. No one can possibly be satisfied and no one can be happy who feels that in some paramount affairs he failed to take up the challenge of life.

- Enoch Arnold Bennett, 1867 – 1931

Marina Dranitsaris
OALT/ABO President



**News flash –
OALT/ABO launches new brochure**

The Officers and Directors of OALT/ABO were able to carry home a prize to their Regions on Saturday Sept. 14 with the release into their hands of a new brochure. In this compact, tri-fold document, facts about our organization, what it offers and how to join are succinctly explained. This item will replace information packages that were formerly sent out, so if you have need for brochures to handout at workshops or in the workplace, please contact your Regional Director or your PR Coordinator, Stacy Goddard.

Stacy Goddard
OALT/ABO PR Coordinator

Editor's note: The new, improved, *bilingual* brochure will soon be ready!

Looking for a few good people

If you want to take your mission in life to the next level, if you're stuck and you don't know how to rise, don't look outside yourself. Look inside. Don't let your fears keep you mired in the crowd. Abolish your fears and raise your commitment level to the point of no return, and I guarantee you that the champion within will burst forth to propel you toward victory.

- Bruce Jenner

The OALT/ABO Executive is looking for committed volunteers to take on the following roles:

Archivist

(The archives are presently housed in two filing cabinets and a number of boxes.)

- The archives is a collection of all formats (hardcopy, video, computer disk, etc.). The Archivist is responsible for maintaining all formats
- The Provincial Archivist shall maintain a complete collection of Provincial and Regional minutes, newsletters, membership lists, publications, etc.
- Shall periodically provide the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors with an up-to-date inventory of the contents of the Provincial Archives
- The Archivist shall make all relevant information available to any member, in good standing, as requested. Will determine the legitimatise of the requests
- The Archivist will work with the Membership chairperson to help compile a list of members who will be eligible for recognition awards at the ABM
- The Archivist is required to attend the September meeting of the Board of Directors / Provincial Executive as a member of OALT/ABO's administrative body, and any other meetings as requested by the Board. Written reports of the Archivist's activities are to be submitted to these meetings, as well as a written annual report.

Newsletter Editor

- The editor is responsible for producing three (3) issues of *Newsletter/Nouvelles* during the year in office by soliciting articles, editing articles submitted for publication, having them translated (when possible), dealing with the printer and mailing house
- Content of each issue is the responsibility of the editor, but should include a message from the President, a list of executive, future workshops for all regions and their representatives
- The editor is encouraged as a member of the OALT/ABO administrative body to attend all Board of Directors / Provincial Executive meetings, and is required to submit written reports of the activities at each of these meetings and to also submit a written annual report

Internal Communications Coordinator

- The Internal Communications Coordinator (ICC) is primarily responsible for disseminating information about OALT/ABO, issues and developments in library and information science and about library technicians to association members. The ICC can perform these responsibilities either on their own or with a team of volunteers.
- Obtain dates and details about regional events and forward them to the newsletter editor and webmaster before the event takes place. Whenever possible, and if it is approved from the Presenter, the ICC will forward presentations so they can be added to the OALT/ABO website.
- Establish and maintain a provincial update section in the OALT/ABO newsletter. This will include provincial meeting highlights, key decisions and projects that the executive is working on, such as OLA SuperConference, Constitutional Changes, etc. The ICC can obtain this information from a member of the executive, by reading the provincial minutes or attending the meetings.
- Collect selected presentations from the Provincial Conference and forward them for posting on the website. If the ICC is not attending the conference, this task can be coordinated with the Conference Committee.
- Solicit content for a "Get to know your Fellow Members" portion of the newsletter. The intent of this is to feature a member and how they contribute to the Library and Information Technician profession. This task could be conducted in an interview format or be autobiographical.
- Ensure that relevant issues are communicated to members. Issues should be directly related to OALT/ABO or the Library Technician profession. The intent is to inform and to foster camaraderie amongst members. The discussion list is the best tool for ensuring currency and interactivity.
- Update members on new developments in Library and Information Science and opportunities for professional development. These updates can be included in the newsletter, discussion list and/or OALT/ABO website.

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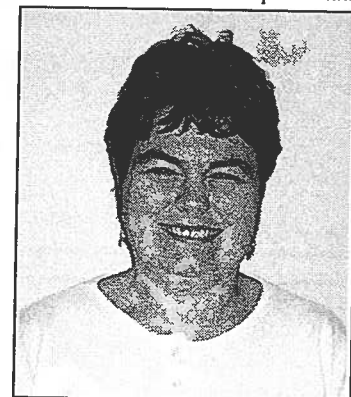
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A Report on...Libraries Advance Canada, August 2002

Apparently this was a smaller gathering than what Valerie Welsch attended in Winnipeg last year. The various representatives of library associations from across Canada were seated around a large meeting room table in the conference centre in Halifax during the afternoon on June 19th.

The first major item on the agenda was the need for a new National Library building, especially after yet another leak during that previous rainy weekend in Ottawa (June 15-16). Seems that the situation is on the political agenda (#5 on the list) but we need to keep the pressure on through more letter writing to Sheila Copps and our local MP's. Someone jokingly suggested putting a "library cam" in the leaky spots in the National Library (Ha!). It was also suggested that kids write, since many students know the Hockey Sweater's author (now the National Librarian, Roch Carrier) and "his library" through school visits.

Unfinished projects included: access to government information, digital copyright and federal government support. Tim Mark said that digital copyright was moving along well.

There was a question regarding LAC's presence at the ALA/CLA conference in Toronto in 2003. Someone suggested providing a "LAC...who are we" in the registration kit to state our agenda.

Then there was a go around the table about the various associations' activities with regard to advocacy. Since I (like one other at the table) had somewhat late notice about this meeting and was new to the group, I stated that I was unprepared to report, but that OALT had put letters out regarding the school libraries issue.

A discussion regarding the LAC mission followed. Comments included: common forum, consistent voice, ideas that are actionable, visibility, importance of meeting as executives of various library associations, local promotion emphasis (versus CLA's national focus), LAC's multiple voices and greater penetration, school libraries issue (focus on that next?).

I felt honoured to be the rep for OALT and to have the opportunity to meet with key players on the Canadian library scene.

Kathy Heney
Director, Ottawa

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter. Please send your articles for the Winter issue to me by January 18, 2003.

Marion Warburton
OALT/ABO Newsletter Editor

Around the Regions

Halton-Peel

-December 6, 2002 - Christmas Gala at Stella Clark's house
 -January 18, 2003 – Super Saturday
 -March 27, 2003 – Annual General Meeting
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Huronia

Disbanded effective May 4, 2002.
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Lohania

-Archiving Bee was held at Cherryhill Branch of London Public Library, June 22, 2002
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Ottawa

-Oct. 3, 2002, Speaker Bill Clark of Clark Communications
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Sudbury

Disbanded effective September 2002.
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-November 4, 2002 TBA
 -Dec. 3, 2002 Holiday Social
 -Feb. 12, 2003 Speaker TBA
 -March 20, 2003, ABM
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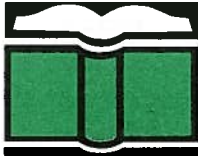
Thunder Bay

-Oct. 26, 2002 E-Resumé workshop at Training Wheels Resource Centre (HRDC)
 -Nov. 28, 2002 General meeting & Jingle Mingle at Thunder Bay Museum
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OALT / ABO Discussion List

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To send a message to the list, send an email to:

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If you have questions or comments regarding the Discussion List, please contact the list manager, Mary Grace Morgan at: mk.morgan@pathcom.com.

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